Garden Talk

By
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We will talk of day-lilies today. When we first began studying the habits and desirability of day-lilies, we had very little interest in these hardy, summer flowers. We had always known the familiar orange day-lily, which can be seen on roadsides or in neglected gardens. It proved the old saying, "familiarity breeds contempt." But we learned that the color wheel of day-lilies begins with yellowish white, deepens to sunny yellow,,, reddens to true orange and warm red; then, with a bit of brown, becomes mahogany. So we were intrigued and learned more of these good-natured plants.

The day-lily can be planted almost any time, even when in bloom. It does best, however, when planted in the spring, after frost is gone. It can be planted in any kind of soil, but thrives best in rich, moist soil. It is not fussy about sunlight, but needs half a day of sun to do its best.

Day-lilies are not troubled seriously by pests, but occasionally will be chewed by Katydids, and distorted by thrips. (The Katydid can be caught by hand and the thrips sprayed with DDT). If distorted new growth shows in the spring, foliage should be cut straight across. Center leaves will be freed and normal growth will follow.

When planting, or replanting, divide and set single divisions in prepared soil with roots spread and the crown—the point where tops and roots join—covered not more than one inch deep. Set plants 2 feet apart, to allow for spreading. For a most effective color display, plant at least three of a variety together. And try to contrast colors. For instance, plant a pale orange day-lily near a deep mahogany one, or a pink one near a lemon yellow variety.

Day-lilies are low in cost. Many cost less than a dollar, and considering that it takes a lot to kill the plant, it is very rewarding.

The Greek name for the day-lily was Hemerocallis, which means "beautiful for a day." Although this is true of individual blossoms, each stalk of the lily has from 6 to 12 buds, two or three flowers opening each day. By selecting a combination of varieties one can have bloom from early summer till September.

Garden books are carrying advertisements this month called Summer Transplanting Sale of Day-lilies. They can be bought cheaper now, and some of them will bloom brightly this fall before frost, if watered and cared for. They respond with better growth and more flower stems if well fed. The plant food should not be overly high in nitrogen.

The catalogue names are fascinating — Painted Lady, Pink Charm, Royal Ruby, Honey Red-head, Purple Waters, Black Falcon, etc. This is how they describe a new variety: "Pink Damask is a beautiful rose-pink with semi-curving petals and sepals, the color extending to the cool yellow throat. It placed ninth in a group of one hundred in the 1955 poll of the American Hemerocallis Society."

We hope this article will stimulate interest in Hemerocallis, and that many gardens will display these sturdy cheerful beauties.

NOT SO BRAVE

St. Louis, Mo.- When a man broke into her kitchen, a housewife grabbed her husband's .22 caliber rifle and fired once. The startled thief fled, but the housewife didn't know it. She fainted as she pulled the trigger.

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Health and Beauty

It is a smart girl who knows how to set her own hair. During the winter it may not make a great deal of difference because it is easy to go to the hair dressers once a week. However, during the summer most young people are in and out of swimming several times a week —often several times a day.

Even a good bathing cap can not prevent some damage to your hairdo. Learn how to make a pin curl. This is not quite as simple as it may seem before you have tried it.

The first step is to part off an inch-square strand and comb it smooth. Sarting at the part, pin curl downward toward the ears, and then toward the center back. Next, holding the strand with one hand, place the forefinger of the other hand in front of the strand, about an inch away from the scalp. If your hair style calls for curls that turn away from the face, place the forefinger in back of the strand. Now wrap the hair over the finger and wind it around and around. Keep turns of hair between the knuckles and tip of your finger so the curl will be easier to slip off. Turn your finger perpendicular to the scalp. Tuck in hair ends as you slip the curl off your finger. Hold the pin curl with one hand, as the other hand secures it with a bobby pin, a curl clip or two crossed hair pins.

If any salt water has gotten under your cap, you had better give yourself a shampoo. Salt water left on the hair for any length of time will do a great deal of damage. It will dry your hair strands and cause them to split and break. If the hair has been colored or bleached the damage to the hair will be greater and the salt often changes the dyed color to some unattractive shade after the sunlight hits it.

Be sure to use a mild soap shampoo to remove salt water from your hair. Just a rinse with clear pure water is not enough. The fresh water to be had at many beaches is very hard and will leave your hair stiff as a board if you do not add some type of water softener.

DIVORCES RESCUER

Las Vegas, Nev., Jane Frohman was recently awarded an uncontested divorce decree from John Curtis Burn, the airline pilot who saved her life twelve years ago. Burn pulled the seriously injured singer from a Portuguese River after the airliner carrying her and other entertainers on a wartime USO tour crashed. Burn also suffered a broken back in the accident.

PAYS 50-YEAR DEBT

Winchester, Ky.- In 1906 George Rose, now of Indianapolis, bought a bicycle from Jim Snowden, now Clark County tax commissioner. Rose had only $4 of the necessary $6, so he promised to pay the $2 later. Recently Rose stopped by Snowden's office and handed him the $2 he had owed for half a century.

County Exceeds Seedling Quo

A total of 24,640,000 tree seedlings were planted in Virginia during the 1955-56 planting season. This was 4,500,000 more than the goal set by the Governor's "Plant More Trees" Committee.

Appomattox County had one of the top records in the state. With a goal of 450,000, the county actually had 1,455,500 planted.

The state total represented nearly 60 per cent more than was ever before planted in the state in any one year, stated L. E. Ward, chairman of the "Plant More Trees" Committee. He added that the demand for seedlings was so that the existing supply was completely exhausted long before season was over and several million more could have been sold had they been available.

Ward stated that the goal for 1956-57 will be 25 million, and efforts are being made to provide sufficient seedlings for next two years to meet goals in counties to go over the mark in plantings.

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ape cheese; 20 slices of cu-
2 tablespoons white vine-
tablespoons sugar; ½ tea-
spoon celery seeds; lettuce or other salad greens. To make: Heat the vinegar, sugar and spices to boiling point (until sugar is dissolved). Pile cottage cheese on chilled platter or salad bowl edged with salad greens. Arrange the cucumber slices slantwise in the cottage cheese. Pour the vinegar sauce over the salad. Chill in the refrigerator until ready to serve—an hour or so, if you wish to make this salad ahead.

Care of Summer Fabrics

To know how to care for that new summer dress or other garment, read the manufacturer's label that comes with it, research textile specialists of the USDA say. Note especially what the manufacturer says about bleaches for removing stains or for general whitening when laundering. Resin finishes are used on many cotton, rayon and linen fabrics to give resistance to wrinkles and soil, for added crispness and sheen, or for such decorative effects as embossed or sculptured designs.

If a bleach must be used on resin-finished fabrics, textile and bleach manufacturers advise a perborate bleach rather than a chlorine bleach. The reason: Resin absorbs chlorine, then the fabric yellows and weakens. The discoloration may not show until the heat of ironing brings it out. Damage from ironing may be severe. If no information about bleaching is given on the label, or if the label is discarded, it's wise to avoid chlorine bleach. If you have fabric to make up instead of a ready-made garment, you can test a sample of the goods.

What if chlorine had been inadvertedly used on resin-finished fabrics? Is there any way to avoid damage? These questions frequently come to Department textile researchers. They find that some of the chlorine may be removed by rinsing thoroughly. Then white fabric should be treated with one of the commercial color removers sold at drug stores. Colored fabric should be soaked about a half hour in a solution of 1 teaspoon photographer's "hypo" to a quart of water. Rinse thoroughly. These treatments need to be used before the fabric is ironed if they are to help.

The specialists suggest that many non-greasy stains can be removed by soaking overnight in cool water or by rubbing a detergent into the stain and then washing. Grease stains may be sponged with a grease solvent (ordinary "cleaning fluid)" and washed after the fluid has evaporated. It's wise to try these methods of removing stains before using a bleach.

GRATEFUL POSTMAN

Sydney, Australia.- For twenty years, the Queensland Ambulance Board has received checks totaling $11,000 from an individual who signed his name "Lanark" in appreciation for treatment he received following an injury. "Lanark" died recently from injuries received in a motorcycle accident. The public trustee then revealed that "Lanark" was Alexander Smith, born in Lanark, Scotland, in 1892. He was a bachelor with no known relatives. Every week he put aside a part of his postman's wages of $45. When he died, he had only $476.

Czechoslovak university students are demanding broad democratization of their country's Communist regime.

STATE FAIR TO HAVE BEAUTY QUEEN

Richmond, June 27.- Beauty will be on parade at the 1956 State Fair of Virginia, to be held here Sept. 21-29, when winning contestants from local and regional fairs will vie for the title of "Miss Virginia State Fair," J. A. Mitchell, General Manager announced today.

Twenty-seven fairs have been asked to select candidates through local contests this summer. The finalists will compete in the state-wide contest before the grandstand of the State Fair on Monday, Sept. 24.

Contestants must be between the ages of 15 and 30 and must represent a county fair.

The 1955 queen was Miss Connie Clarke, of Burgess, a brunette representing the Nortern Neck Fair.

I am the Nation...

I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. *I am the nation.*

I am 165 million living souls—and the ghost of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys, and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant, and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When freedom called, I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the rock of Corregidor, and on the bleak slopes of Korea.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas, and the granite hills of Vermont. I am the coalfields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the West, the Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific, 3 million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than 5 million farms. I am forest, field, mountain and desert. I am quiet villages — and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his breadloaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of *Auld Lang Syne* as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 169,000 schools and colleges, and 250,000 churches where my people worship God as they think best. I am a ballot dropped in a box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium, and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper, and a letter to a Congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Tom Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers, and the Wright brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Daniel Webster and Jonas Salk.

Yes, I am the nation, and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in freedom and, God willing, in freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world.

This is my wish, my goal, my prayer on July 4, 1956—one hundred and eighty years after I was born.

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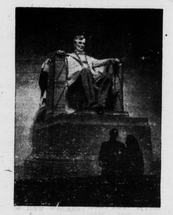

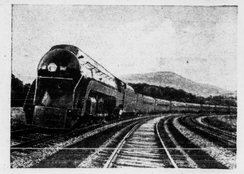
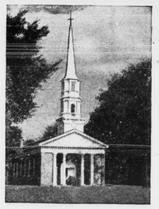

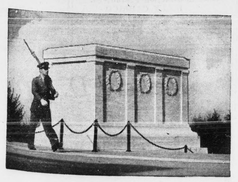
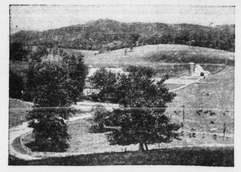

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